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Chamber Announces Women In Business Signature Event Speaker

AUGUSTA, GA -- On Thursday, October 8th, the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Women In Business Signature event at the Augusta Marriott. This year's event will be a luncheon, and will begin at 11:00 am.

“As a trustee for United Way of America, Ms. Stallard’s reputation precedes her as an effective advocate. As an award winning business owner, she emulates the backbone of our economy,” says Chamber President Sue Parr.

The guest speaker for the event will be Ann Stallard, Chief Executive Officer of Graphic Communications Corporation, located in Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Chair of the National Board of Trustees for United Way of America.

Ms. Stallard has been recognized often for her entrepreneurial leadership in Metropolitan Atlanta through articles in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, *Business Atlanta Magazine*, *Georgia Trend Magazine*, *Atlanta Woman* and *The Atlanta Business Chronicle*. In 1991, the US Small Business Administration named Ms. Stallard as Georgia's Women-In Business Advocate of the Year.

Stallard has served on the White House National Initiative on Women's Business Ownership Task Force and, she was the first businesswoman to be elected National President of the YWCA in 1992. A member of the board of directors for United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Stallard co- founded Women's Legacy of United Way in 1999. The Atlanta YWCA selected Ms. Stallard as A Woman of Achievement in 1995.

She is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta, a former member of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Small Business and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

“The Women In Business Signature Event is an annual event that many people look forward to because of the quality of speakers we bring in, and this year we have found another excellent one,” says Parr.

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Women In Business is an Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce program that provides an opportunity for area businesswomen to network effectively, with the goal of enhancing professional and personal development through monthly luncheon meetings and other events. The Women In Business Program began in 1993.

Graphic Communications Corporation was founded in 1972, and is a full-service marketing and commercial printing company with 60 full time associates. The company occupies a 66,000 square foot building and has grown to be one of metro Atlanta's top 25 printing companies out of a field of more than 700